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DE GUIRINGAUD'S REMARKS ON MIDDLE EAST

1. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT ON LEBANON AND MIDDLE EAST FROM  
FRENCH FM DE GUIRINGAUD'S UNGA SPEECH SEPTEMBER 27:  
BEGIN TEXT: IN VIEW OF THE CRISIS PROVOKED BY THE ISRAELI  
INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, MY GOVERNMENT DECIDED  
LAST MARCH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM  
FORCE IN LEBANON. ITS DECISION TO MAKE A CONTINGENT  
AVAILABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION WAS A CONCRETE EXPRESSION  
OF ITS OFTEN STATED COMMITMENT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY,  
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INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THIS COUNTRY,  
THIS FRIEND, AND OF ITS SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT SARKIS'  
EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE AND  
RECONCILE THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN LEBANON. WHO CAN FAIL  
TO SEE THAT A FREE AND UNITED LEBANON IS AN INDISPENSABLE  
ELEMENT FOR THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE ENTIRE REGION? BUT  
WHO CAN FAIL TO SEE ALSO THAT ITS TRADITION OF FREEDOM

AND OPENNESS EXPOSES IT MORE THAN ANY OTHER STATE TO SHOCKS FROM THE TENSIONS AND CRISES THAT SURROUND AND PENETRATE IT?

2. IT WAS THEREFORE JUSTIFIABLE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON, WHO WERE ALREADY SO SEVERELY TRIED, DIRECT EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT FOLLOWING THE OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON BY ISRAELI ARMED FORCES. THE OPERATION UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS HAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT ATTAINED ALL THE OBJECTIVES SET FOR IT. ALTHOUGH THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS WAS ACHIEVED, THEY ARE STILL OVERTLY SUPPORTING REBELLIOUS ELEMENTS ALONG THE BORDER WHO REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO LEGITIMATE LEBANESE AUTHORITY AND KEEP TENSION ALIVE BY DANGEROUS ACTS OF HARRASSMENT. SECURITY HAS NOT YET BEEN RESTORED TO THE ENTIRE AREA MAINLY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE UNITS OF THE U.N. FORCE TO DEPLOY ALONG THE BORDER.

3. WITH REGARD TO RESTORING THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BEIRUT, THE OBSTACLES TO THIS ARE NOT ONES THAT UNIFIL HAS THE MISSION OR THE MEANS TO OVERCOME. THE FORCE CANNOT TAKE THE PLACE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY. WHILE THE FORCE -- AND WE SHOULD PAY TRIBUTE TO IT SINCE THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE TASK ARE UNPRECEDENTED FOR AN OPERATION CONDUCTED BY OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATION -- WHILE IT MAY DRAW ON ALL THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS MANDATE, IT IS NOT ITS JOB TO MAINTAIN LAW OR IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT WHICH, TO BE IMPLEMENTED, WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF FORCES OUTSIDE ITS SPHERE OF ACTION.

4. UNIFIL WOULD BE DIVERTED FROM ITS REAL GOAL IF THE PROTECTION IT PROVIDES PERMITTED THE STATUS QUO TO CONTINUE AND THE PARTIES TO BECOME IMMURED IN THEIR INTRANSIGENCE, DEAF TO THE SUFFERING OF THE PEOPLE AND BLIND TO THE DANGERS OF ALLOWING THE WOUND TO FESTER.

5. THIS WAS THE MEANING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DECISION ON SEPTEMBER 18 TO RENEW THE MANDATE OF THE FORCE FOR FOUR MONTHS. THE STABILITY OF THE REGION REQUIRES MEASURES TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DELAY TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON, AND EVERYONE WHO UNDERSTANDS THIS WILL FIND ENCOURAGEMENT IN THIS EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE. BUT THE TIME LIMIT IMPOSED ON THE MANDATE SHOULD SERVE AS A WARNING TO THOSE WHO ENTERTAIN THE ILLUSION THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE FORCE WILL FROM NOW ON BE A PERMANENT FACTOR IN THE SITUATION.

6. I DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE THE SUBJECT OF LEBANON WITHOUT STRESSING MY GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN AT THE PERSISTENCE OF TENSIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THAT COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY IN BEIRUT; I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU ONCE AGAIN OF OUR CONSTANT POSITION THAT THERE CAN BE NO SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS IN LEBANON UNLESS IT IS FOUNDED ON RESPECT FOR THE UNITY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THAT COUNTRY. ANY UNDERTAKING THAT DID NOT RECOGNIZE THIS REQUIREMENT WOULD BE DOOMED TO FAILURE AND WOULD RISK DESTROYING, ALONG WITH ITSELF, THE VERY CAUSE IT CLAIMED TO SERVE.

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7. THE SITUATION IN LEBANON CANNOT BE DISSOCIATED FROM THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, WHICH HAS GREATER REPERCUSSIONS ON THAT COUNTRY THAN ANY OTHER IN THE REGION. AFTER PRESIDENT SADAT'S HISTORIC INITIATIVE IN GOING TO JERUSALEM LAST FALL, A NEW SITUATION EMERGED; BOTH THOSE WHO APPROVED AND THOSE WHO DISAPPROVED RECOGNIZED IT. EVERYONE REALIZED THAT THE STAKES WERE NO LONGER ISRAEL'S

EXISTENCE BUT THE TERMS OF ITS COEXISTENCE WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

8. THIS BREACH IN THE WALL OF DISTRUST THAT HAD SEPARATED ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS FOR 30 YEARS WAS NOT TURNED TO AS MUCH ADVANTAGE AS HAD BEEN HOPED; THE PROCESS BEGUN  
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LAST WINTER STALLED TOO QUICKLY. PRESIDENT CARTER TRIED TO INJECT NEW LIFE INTO IT AND I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HIS COURAGE AND TENACITY IN HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE CAMP DAVID UNDERTAKING. THIS MEETING, UNPRECEDENTED IN STYLE, HAS USHERED IN A NEW PHASE. CLEARLY, THERE IS STILL GREAT UNCERTAINTY IN IT. BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE THAT, UNDER THE SHADOW OF AMBIGUITIES, PRECAUTION AND SILENCE, THE COMPLEX TEXTS ADOPTED BY TWO OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED CAN BE USED TO FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD THE NECESSARY SETTLEMENT.

9. WE BELIEVE THAT FOR THIS PHASE TO BE DECISIVE AND LEAD TO PEACE, IT MUST PAVE THE WAY TO AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, WITH WHICH ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES WOULD BE ASSOCIATED, INCLUDING THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THIS SETTLEMENT, MAY I REPEAT, MUST BE BASED ON WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967, ON RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS TO A HOMELAND, ON CONSIDERATION FOR THE LEGITIMATE CONCERN FOR SECURITY OF ALL THE STATES IN THE REGION, NATURALLY INCLUDING ISRAEL, AS WELL AS ON THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF BOUNDARIES AND ON THE GRADUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES CONCERNED. ONLY RESPECT FOR THESE PRINCIPLES CAN BRING ABOUT THE JUST AND LASTING PEACE TO WHICH ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION ASPIRE." END TEXT  
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